

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "VESSEL PROPULSION SYSTEM" the specification of which

[] was filed on _____ as
Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____

that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier filed PCT application PCT/EP02/00562 filed January 21, 2002, entitled "MARINE PROPULSION SYSTEM";

that as to the subject matter of the application which is common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to said earlier application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said earlier application;

that the common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application; and

as to applications for patents or inventor's certificate on the common subject matter filed in any country foreign to the United States of America, prior to said earlier application by me or my legal representatives or assigns,

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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	ISSUE DATE	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Germany	10104680.4			Yes [] No []
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that as to the subject matter of this application which is not common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and I acknowledge my duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application;

that said non-common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; and

as to applications for patents or inventor's certificate on the non-common subject matter filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

- [] no such applications have been filed, or
[X] such applications have been filed as follows:

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Germany	?	July 9, 2003		Yes [X] No []
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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